

In the Claims:

Please delete the word "Claims" and insert --What is claimed is:-- therefor.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. *(original)* A method for controlling the use of transmission resources, wherein transmission resources for a transmission between a first entity (200) and a second entity (204) can be used by at least a first connection (205) and a second connection (219), comprising:
 - checking (208, 211) whether QoS requirements of said first connection (205) can still be guaranteed when said transmission resources are jointly used by said first connection (205) and said second connection (219), and
 - controlling (212) the use of at least one portion of said transmission resources by at least one of said first (205) and second (219) connections, accordingly.
2. *(original)* The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of controlling (408, 500) the use of at least one portion of said transmission resources by at least one of said first (205) and second (412, 507) connections comprises pausing (408) or releasing (500) said first connection (205), if it is determined that said QoS requirements of said first connection (205) can no longer be guaranteed when said transmission resources are jointly used by said first connection (205) and said second connection (412, 507).
3. *(original)* The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of controlling (804) the use of at least one portion of said transmission resources by at least one of said first (800) and second (801) connections comprises blocking (804) said second connection (801), if it is determined that said QoS requirements of said first connection (800) can no longer be

guaranteed when said transmission resources are jointly used by said first connection (800) and said second connection (801).

4. *(original)* The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of controlling (807, 808) the use of at least one portion of said transmission resources by at least one of said first (800) and second (801) connections comprises reducing (807) the QoS requirements of said first connection (800) and changing (808) the portion of said transmission resources that can be used by said first connection (800), if it is determined that said QoS requirements of said first connection (800) can no longer be guaranteed when said transmission resources are jointly used by said first connection (800) and said second connection (801).
5. *(original)* The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of controlling (212) the use of at least one portion of said transmission resources by at least one of said first (205) and second (219) connections comprises changing (212) the portion of said transmission resources that can be used by said first connection (205), if it is determined that said QoS requirements of said first connection (205) can still be guaranteed when said transmission resources are jointly used by said first connection (205) and said second connection (219).
6. *(currently amended)* The method according to ~~any of the claims 1-5~~ claim 1, wherein said steps of checking (110, 113) and controlling (114) are performed before said first (105) and second (119) ~~connection~~ connections have been established.
7. *(currently amended)* The method according to ~~any of the claims 1-5~~ claim 1, wherein said steps of checking (208, 211) and controlling (212) are performed after said first connection (205) has been established and before said second connection (219) has been established.

8. *(currently amended)* The method according to ~~any of the claims 1-7~~ claim 1, wherein said transmission resources characterise the data transmission capabilities of said first (200) and/or second (204) entity.
9. *(currently amended)* The method according to ~~any of the claims 1-8~~ claim 1, wherein said step of checking (208) is at least partially performed by a transmission resources control instance (702, 703, 704) that interacts with said first (200) and/or second entity (204).
10. *(currently amended)* The method according to ~~any of the claims 1-9~~ claim 1, wherein said step of checking (208) comprises the step of checking capabilities of hardware (704) that is used by said first (200) or second (204) entity.
11. *(currently amended)* The method according to ~~any of the claims 1-10~~ claim 1, wherein said entities are contained in a mobile station (200) and in a network (204) of a wireless communication system, in particular a 2G or 3G mobile radio system.
12. *(original)* The method according to claim 11, wherein said connections are packet-switched (205) and/or circuit-switched (219) connections between said entities in said mobile station (200) and said network (204).
13. *(currently amended)* The method according to ~~any of the claims 11-12~~ claim 11, wherein said QoS requirement of said first connection (205) is a minimum bit rate.
14. *(currently amended)* The method according to ~~any of the claims 11-13~~ claim 11, wherein said wireless communication system is capable of operating a Dual Transfer Mode (DTM) that comprises a packet-switched connection (205), in particular a connection according to the General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) or the Enhanced General Packet Radio Service

(EGPRS), as said first connection and a circuit-switched connection (219) as said second connection, and wherein said step of checking (208, 211) determines whether bit rate requirements of said packet-switched connection (205) can still be guaranteed when said transmission resources are jointly used by said packet-switched (205) and said circuit switched (219) connection.

15. *(original)* The method according to claim 14, wherein said packet-switched (205) and circuit-switched (219) connections are provided by a radio bearer (202), and wherein in said step of checking (208), said transmission resources control instance informs said bearer (202) on the availability of said transmission resources.

16. *(original)* The method according to claim 15, wherein said transmission resources control instance (702, 703, 704) monitors the connections provided by said bearer (202) and, based at least one said monitored connections (703) and on hardware profiles (704) of said mobile station (200), determines the availability of said transmission resources.

17. *(cancelled)*

18. *(currently amended)* A computer program product comprising a computer program stored on a readable medium with instructions operable to cause a processor to perform the method steps of ~~any of the claims 1-16~~ claim 1.

19. *(original)* A wireless communication system, comprising:

- at least one mobile station (200), and
- at least one network (204),

wherein transmission resources for a transmission between a first entity (200) and a second entity (204) can be used by at least a first connection (205) and a second connection (219), wherein it is

checked (208, 211) whether QoS requirements of said first connection (205) can still be guaranteed when said transmission resources are jointly used by said first connection (205) and said second connection (219), and wherein the use of at least one portion of said transmission resources by at least one of said first (205) and second (219) connections is controlled (212), accordingly.

20. *(original)* A device for controlling the use of transmission resources, wherein transmission resources for a transmission between a first entity (200) and a second entity (204) can be used by at least a first connection (205) and a second connection (219), comprising:

- means (702, 703, 704) for checking whether QoS requirements of said first connection (205) can still be guaranteed when said transmission resources are jointly used by said first connection (205) and said second connection (219), and
- means (701, 702) for at least partially controlling the use of at least one portion of said transmission resources by at least one of said first (205) and second (219) connections, accordingly.

21. *(original)* A mobile station (200) in a wireless communication system, wherein transmission resources for a transmission between a first entity in said mobile station (200) and a second entity in a network (204) of said wireless communication system can be used by at least a first connection (205) and a second connection (219), said mobile station (200) comprising:

- means (702, 703, 704) for checking whether QoS requirements of said first connection (205) can still be guaranteed when said transmission resources are jointly used by said first connection (205) and said second connection (219), and
- means (701, 702) for controlling the use of at least one portion of said transmission resources by at least one of said first (205) and second (219) connections, accordingly.

22. *(original)* The mobile station (200) according to claim 21, wherein said transmission resources characterise the data transmission capabilities of said mobile station (200) and/or network (204).
23. *(currently amended)* The mobile station (200) according to ~~any of the claims 21-22~~ claim 21, wherein said means (702, 703, 704) for checking whether QoS requirements of said first connection (205) can still be guaranteed when said transmission resources are jointly used by said first connection (205) and said second connection (219) comprises a transmission resources control instance (702, 703, 704) that interacts with said first entity in said mobile station (200).
24. *(currently amended)* The mobile station (200) according to ~~any of the claims 21-23~~ claim 21, wherein said means (702, 703, 704) for checking whether QoS requirements of said first connection (205) can still be guaranteed when said transmission resources are jointly used by said first connection (205) and said second connection (219) comprises means (704) for checking capabilities of hardware that is used by said first (200) or second (204) entity.
25. *(currently amended)* The mobile station (200) according to ~~any of the claims claim 21-24~~ claim 21, wherein said wireless communication system is capable of operating a Dual Transfer Mode (DTM) that comprises a packet-switched connection (205), in particular a connection according to the General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) or the Enhanced General Packet Radio Service (EGPRS), as said first connection and a circuit-switched connection (219) as said second connection, and wherein said means (702, 703, 704) for checking determines whether bit rate requirements of said packet-switched connection (205) can still be guaranteed when said transmission resources are jointly used by said packet-switched (205) and said circuit switched connection (219).

26. *(original)* The mobile station (200) according to claim 25, wherein said packet-switched (205) and circuit-switched (219) connections are provided by a radio bearer (202, 701), and wherein said transmission resources control instance (702, 703, 704) comprises means (702) for informing said bearer (701) on the availability of said transmission resources.

27. *(original)* The mobile station (200) according to claim 26, wherein said transmission resources control instance (702, 703, 704) comprises means (703) for monitoring the connections provided by said bearer (701) and for determining the availability of said transmission resources, wherein said determining is at least based on said monitored connections (703) and an on hardware profiles (704) of said mobile station (200).

28. *(original)* A network element in a wireless communication system, wherein transmission resources for a transmission between a first entity in a mobile station (200) and a second entity in a network (204) of said wireless communication system can be used by at least a first connection (205) and a second connection (219), said network element comprising:

- means for checking whether QoS requirements of said first connection (205) can still be guaranteed when said transmission resources are jointly used by said first connection (205) and said second connection (219), and
- means for controlling the use of at least one portion of said transmission resources by at least one of said first (205) and second (219) connections, accordingly.